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Contract

LABScreen Testing Kits, LINKSEQ Testing Kits and LABType Typing Kits

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04de2f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Finance & Procurement Business Unit, Wards 17 & 18, Trafford Hospital

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.mft.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.mft.nhs.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

LABScreen Testing Kits, LINKSEQ Testing Kits and LABType Typing Kits

Reference number

C334057

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33696000 - Reagents and contrast media

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust is awarding a contract to VH Bio for the provision of LABScreen Testing Kits, LINKSEQ Testing Kits and LABType Typing Kits.

The Trust currently utilises One Lambda HLA antibody screening (LABScreen) testing kits for use with LABScan3D analysers, which have been previously procured, to detect and define HLA specific antibodies. The LABScreen kits are a trademark of One Lambda which are routinely used to screen patient serum samples in the pre- and post-transplant setting for both solid organ and haematopoietic progenitor stem cell transplant recipients. The LABScreen kits are the most reliable and informative kit available, and this kit is needed for consistency with longitudinal testing. VH Bio provide the Trust with technical support for the products. The Transplant Laboratory has been accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service for performing HLA antibody detection and definition using the LABScreen testing kits with the LABScan3D testing platform.

The Trust currently utilises LINKSEQ testing kits for use with LightCycler 480 ii and Quantstudio 7 Flex real-time PCR instruments for HLA typing, which have been previously procured. The LINKSEQ kits are the only compatible SSP kits for the LightCycler 480 II and Quantstudio 7 Flex real-time PCR instruments for HLA typing of DNA tests undertaken. The LINKSEQ wipe tests are required for quality control and are a requirement of accreditation standards. The Transplant Laboratory has been accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service for performing HLA typing using the LINKSEQ testing kits with the Light Cycler 480 II and Quantstudio 7 Flex real-time PCR instruments.

The Trust currently utilises LABTYPE HLA and KIR typing kits and ancillary reagents for use with the LUMINEX LABScan 3D instruments, which have been previously procured. The LABType kits and ancillary reagents are compatible with the LUMINEX LABScan 3D instruments for DNA tests undertaken. The Transplant Laboratory has been accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service for performing HLA typing using the LABType kits with the LIMINEX LABScan 3D system.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,218,515

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696000 - Reagents and contrast media

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD33 - Manchester

Main site or place of performance

Manchester

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As such, a negotiated procedure without prior publication will be followed and is believed to be justified under section 32(2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 - 'competition is absent for technical reasons'.

A VEAT notice was published on the Find a Tender Service on 12th February 2025.
Reference: 2025/S 000-004759.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust is able to extend the contract for a further 24 months in 12 month increments.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

V.H. Bio Limited

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Gateshead

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

National registration number

02582192

Internet address

www.vhbio.com

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,218,515

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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